

NEDA Virtual Debate Tournament

November 19, 2022

Invitation

Dear NEDA colleagues and friends,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the National Educational Debate Association's National Debate Tournament on November 19th, 2022. We will offer Crossfire, Traditional, and Rapid-fire divisions. This will be a synchronous virtual tournament hosted over Zoom and tabroom.com!

Tournament Schedule

Saturday, Feb 26, 2022

Round 1	8:30-10:00
Round 2	10:00-11:30
Round 3	11:30-1:00
Lunch	1:00-2:00
Round 4	2:00-3:30
Finals	4:00-5:30
Awards	ASAP

Entries

We will be using Tabroom.com for all entries and tabulation. This means **each judge and debater needs to make a tabroom.com account**. Here is a guide for creating a Tabroom account: <https://docs.tabroom.com/Sign Up>. **All entries are due on Tabroom by Tuesday, November 15th at 11:59pm**. By the day of tournament we will NEED all judges and competitors to have a registered e-mail on Tabroom.com. Please contact jgeers1@udayton.edu for assistance if necessary.

Registration Fees

There will be a **\$5 fee per team** entered into the tournament.

We do ask that you please provide judges to cover your entries. As per usual, one judge covers two teams/entries. There will be a **\$40 fee for each uncovered entry**. One judge covers two entries.

We will accept entries in open and novice divisions (following NEDA rules to determine eligibility—6 or less competitive tournaments to qualify for Novice) in Traditional, Crossfire, and Rapidfire formats. Overall entries will determine the feasibility of offering separate divisions.

Tournament Rules and Procedures

This tournament will follow all rules established in the NEDA constitution and other governing documents. The NEDA Fall 2022 resolution is **“On balance, societies benefit from organized religion.”**

Traditional, Rapidfire, and Crossfire will follow the time limits established by NEDA. The rules and speaking times for these events can be found at: <https://nedadebate.com/debate-round-formats/>.

After topic release for Rapid Fire there will be 20 mins of prep time. *Students should not converse with other debaters or coaches during their prep time, but research over the internet is encouraged.* During the debate, students will be expected to cite research and use examples in their arguments.

Traditional and Crossfire entries consist of two debaters, **while Rapidfire entries are all maverick/single entries**. Schools may sign up single debaters to compete in the Traditional and Crossfire divisions, but are limited to one maverick entry per division per school.

Platform

This synchronous, online tournament will be hosted over Zoom and Tabroom. On Friday evening before the tournament, coaches will receive a Zoom link for themselves, their judges, and their students to use to connect to the main room.

Please update your Zoom programs to the latest version so students can join breakout rooms independently. Here's a link with instructions: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>